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Kate Crowley, Solid Waste Supervisor  
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources  
Bureau of Waste Management  
90 East Union Street - 2nd Floor  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-3296

Re: Lackawanna Refuse Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Crowley:

EPA and the State have concluded the discussions for the transfer to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) of the responsibilities for the operation and maintenance for the Lackawanna Refuse Superfund Site (Site). The effective date for PADER to assume responsibility for the Site will be May 15, 1991, unless we hear from PADER before that date. As we discussed, the transfer excludes the portion of the operation and maintenance at the Site associated with the construction of the treatment system for the leachate.

EPA has completed the first year operation and maintenance period at the Site and will now to transfer the responsibility for the operation and maintenance for the site to PADER. EPA will maintain responsibility for the installation of leachate treatment and disposal of the overpacked drums as agreed upon by EPA and PADER. EPA will initiate the leachate treatment system with the installation of the leachate storage tank. EPA will schedule a meeting with PADER in the next few weeks to discuss the details of the leachate storage tank and other remaining issues.

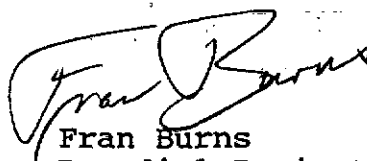
To conclude EPA's work at the Site, the remaining items on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers punch list have been completed or are in the process of being completed. The additional work of the western wall of Pit 5 is the last remaining change order for the Site. The contractor has mobilized the equipment and is presently in the process of completing this work. The contractor will be held to all the recent change orders, such as the completion of erosion and sedimentation protection that is necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the storm water management system along the access road to the site. EPA will monitor the recent site work through the U.S. Corps of Engineers to ensure that the recent change orders are operating correctly.

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EPA will also work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to dispose of the approximately 25 drums that have been secured in the borehole pit area of the site. EPA has secured the drums by overpacking the drums with metal barrels and surrounding the storage area with a fence. EPA is reviewing the sample results from the drums and when the review is complete EPA will dispose of the drums in an off-site facility.

Therefore, this letter will serve as the notice to initiate PADER activity at the site on May 15, unless PADER has any comments. If you have any questions, please call me at 215/597-4750.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Fran Burns", is written over the typed name.

Fran Burns  
Remedial Project Manager

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